The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor*

*January 26, 2025*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

***Invocation* -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Verse:** Jeremiah 31:34b – For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 97**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| **Day** | **New Testament Reading** | **Old Testament Reading** |
| Monday | Matthew 8:14-22 | Genesis 25:19-34 |
| Tuesday | Matthew 8:28-34 | Genesis 27:1-45 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 9:9-17 | Genesis 27:46 – 28:22 |
| Thursday | Matthew 9:27-38 | Genesis 29:1-20 |
| Friday | Matthew 10:1-16 | Genesis 31:1-18 |
| Saturday | Matthew 10:17 – 11:1 | Genesis 32:3-32 |

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| **Catechism: Confession** | **Grades** |
| *What is Confession?***Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.** | K+ |
| *What is the Office of the Keys?*The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent. | 1st+ |
| *Where is this written*?This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22-23) | 2nd+ |
| *Why do you believe according to these words?*I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself. | 3rd+ |